# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



### FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 22 - HB 415

March 21, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006416):** Creates the *Sexual Assault Response Team Act*.

Requires, by January 1, 2024, each local law enforcement agency to begin collaboration between existing law enforcement agency resources and available community resources as an adult sexual assault response team (SART) to assist in identifying gaps in service and improving response systems for sexual assault involving adult victims that occur within the agency's jurisdiction. Provides that a SART may meet periodically in person, by telephone, or electronically as needed. Authorizes a SART to include members who respond to and work with victims and possess expertise in a variety of disciplines relevant to sexual assault response. Establishes that a SART may include, but is not limited to, victim advocates, law enforcement, criminal prosecutors, healthcare service providers, and mental health service providers. Establishes that communications occurring at a SART meeting are confidential and not public records, except when ordered otherwise by a court.

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is assumed that members who collaborate as part of a SART will do so without compensation or reimbursement.
- It is assumed that local law enforcement agencies can comply with the requirements of the proposed legislation in the normal course of business utilizing existing resources.
- Any fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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